

# William Dampier

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“The World is apt to judge of every thing by the Success; and whoever has ill Fortune will hardly be allow’d a good Name.”



“With prescient words,” writes Great Circle Editor Dr Michael McCarthy, “William Dampier inadvertently wrote his own undeserving epitaph. Three hundred years since he was laid to rest in an unmarked grave in the Parish of St Stephen, London it is time to present some new elements in a diverse, often unconnected, yet ultimately very successful, research direction that in recent years has ‘searched for’ and ‘found’ both him and his transport the former ‘fire ship’ *Roebuck*.”



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